



May 12, 2011

Mr. John Sims
BNSF Railway
2500 Lou Menk Drive – AOB-3
Fort Worth, TX 76131-2828

RE: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 477X) BNSF Railway Company Abandonment
Exemption – in Los Angeles County, CA that includes a portion in the City of
Irwindale

Dear Mr. Sims:

Thank you for discussing the subject matter with me during our telephone conversations today. As discussed, a portion of the subject rail abandonment is located within the City of Irwindale and abuts the Miller Coors Brewery. The subject track transverses compatible zones, including A-1 (Agricultural) and M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing), which are consistent with associated General Plan Land Use designations of Open Space and Industrial/Business Park.

City staff has also been closely following the environmental documentation and construction processes of the plan Gold Line extension, which will include a planned station stop and accessory parking facilities in Irwindale. Additionally, the city has been very mindful of potential impacts to local businesses.

In reviewing the Gold Line Phase II environmental documentation and with your further confirmation from BNSF staff, there will be no changes or adverse impacts to any current freight operations of local existing businesses. With the above-mentioned comments in mind, the proposed abandonment would not appear to result in any inconsistencies with our local land use plan.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment, and should you have any further questions, please contact me at (626) 430-2207.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Hamada".

Ray Hamada
Director of Planning & Community Development

